

MYSTERY IS CLEARED UP.

Aged Rag Picker Responsible for Maiden Lane Robberies.

New York, Sept. 29.—Central office detectives late yesterday found large quantities of silver plate and jewelry in dingy rooms in a Roosevelt Street tenement occupied by Antonio Desisto and his wife, Angela, an aged couple who make their living by picking rags. Bank book also found by the detectives show total deposits of nearly \$6,000 in local savings banks. The loot is believed by the police to be worth about \$3,000 and to cover a period of 15 years.

The discovery of these valuables the detectives say, throw light on many mysterious robberies in the district around Maiden Lane.

Their arrest followed a complaint made by J. W. Koksair, of the Derby Silver Co., Maiden Lane. The store was robbed between closing time on September 20 and opening time on September 21 of valuable silverware.

The detectives searched the place and found on the floor a scrap from an Italian newspaper and a package of pins. With these as clues the police decided to watch the Italian rag-pickers who swarm about the district at daybreak.

Some of these are admitted to stores by porters to assist in clearing up, taking the refuse as wages.

These two rag pickers were most energetic. They had been trusted in the district for years. Detectives watched the old couple for several days and finally followed them to the Roosevelt street abode.

KOMURA BEART PRESENT

Intended for Emperor of Japan From President Roosevelt.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 29.—A present from President Roosevelt to the Emperor of Japan was on the special train passing through here yesterday bearing Baron Komura's homeward. It was a large parcel, labelled, sealed and was handled carefully. Nobody knows what it contains, and nobody will know until it reaches the Imperial palace at Tokio.

The President requested the plenipotentiaries to make no notification that a present was to be sent and that nothing be said about it until it was personally delivered.

PERU LOSES PATIENCE.

Demands Accounting From Peruvian Corporation of London.

Lima, Peru, Sept. 29.—The Peruvian government has declared that the basis for an arrangement on the questions presented long ago by the agents of the Peruvian corporation of London, is totally unacceptable and demands that the corporation present a statement of its accounts with the government.

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FATAL EXPLOSION.

One Man Blown to Pieces, Another Loses Arm in New York.

New York, Sept. 29.—One man is said to have been blown to pieces and another to have had his arm torn off in a tremendous explosion last night in the excavation for the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal. The city was shaken for a radius of a half a mile around the excavation and the people all over the neighborhood ran from their houses in fright.

So great was the force of the explosion that a rock weighing 300 pounds came down like a meteorite in West 30th street, 750 feet away. It crashed in its descent, through the tramcar over the door of a little shop and buried itself in the beams under the floor. The stone ripped the coat from the back of Lewis J. Magee, who was standing in front of the counter. He had a miraculous escape from death.

Several persons also sustained minor injuries.

SECRETARY WILSON EXPLAINS.

Gives Reasons For Belief That Meats and Other Products Will Be Cheaper.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture predicts lower retail prices during the coming winter season, for meat, dairy products, poultry and other necessities of life. He said yesterday the relief for the householder will come from the enormous yields of small grain and corn in the great grain territory of Illinois, Minnesota the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas.

"Heavy crops," the Secretary said, "have resulted in the return of normal agricultural conditions in the great producing states."

The meat producers have been losing money for the past three years because grain cost too much. There was no profit in feeding, strange as this may seem to people who pay such prices as we do for our meat. But the heavy grass crop of this year, in addition to the heavy corn crop and the heavy oats crop, will all combine to bring about normal feeding conditions. And this means a direct lowering of prices for meats and poultry.

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TRUE BILLS RETURNED.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—True bills were returned by the grand jury yesterday against the promoters and owners of the City of Traverse gambling boat, charging them with keeping a common gambling house and conspiracy to do an illegal act. Some of the defendants must face two indictments for conspiracy. Fourteen defendants were named in the bills. The evidence on which the indictments were voted related to a single occasion, when the boat was said to have been in Illinois waters, when pools on horse races were sold.

WORKMANS HEAD CRUSHED.

Man Who Informed on His Friend is Struck With an Axe.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—When he heard a report that his son had deserted the carpenters union during his trouble a year ago, and that his friend, Joseph Kran, had made the accusation, William Keuppel sought Kran last night and when he found him he struck him with an axe, fracturing his skull. Kran, it is said, will die. Both the father and charged with attempting to commit murder. Kran was at work on the third floor of a new building when Keuppel found him. Scores of pedestrians saw men clinging to beams and hurling bottles and other missiles at each other. Kran fell from the third to the second floor when he was struck with the axe and he was unconscious when the police arrived.

BRUTES FIENDISH ACT.

Fatally Shoots Woman Companion When She Attempts to Leave Him.

New York, Sept. 29.—While walking in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, last night, Vincent Girione, 23 years old, shot and mortally wounded his companion Kate Daly, 33 years old. Girione had been attentive to the Daly woman for some time and they were in the habit of taking long walks in the park. When she wished to return home last night he objected, and when she started away he drew a revolver and fired.

The first shot grazed the woman's right breast but the second shot took effect and she fell down the steps at the park entrance.

Girione fired several more shots and then ran into the park as a policeman came up. Girione tried to throw himself into the lake, but was captured and lodged in the station house.

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Ruminations of a Dog.

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Oh, you meady little poodle. Baby ribbons in your hair. Put on dog just like a human. The way you're sitting there! Have your bath in perfumed water. Mamma combs your curly locks. Do out riding in your carriage. See the opera from a box!

Oh, you watery eyed impostor! Oh, you dude! You pink nosed fop! Why, a single flea, I'm certain, Would fairly make you hop. You are tucked away at evening With your gouty misery In a nightie and a cradle. Where a baby ought to be.

They call you levey dove and sweetie. Oh, you overly headed pup! Just come down from off the carriage. And watch me eat you up! Why, you pop-eyed little poodle! Would I trade my place with you? Never! No! I wouldn't do it 'T' you'd throw the bones in sea.

Gloom Chases by S Sleepy Hollow Joke

WYLD—Empor does not seem to be very well acquainted with his mother tongue. Mack—I'll bet he is with his mother-in-law.

playing the race. Dix—How's that? His—He always sows his carfare up in the lining of his coat.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Cute Sayings From the Lips of Little Ones

"SAY, papa," queried little Harold, looking up from his book, "do they plant bird seed when they want to raise sparrow grass?"

Little Elsie's father was a very home-ly man. One day after looking at him steadily for some time Elsie said: "Mamma, didn't they have any good looking men in stock when you went shopping for a husband?"

Teacher—In what song do we live, Tommy? Tommy—Temp'rates song. Teacher—Can you tell me why it is called temperate song? Tommy—"Cause it's too cold in winter an' too hot in summer."

Small Bobby had just returned from an afternoon children's party. "What kind of refreshments did you have?" asked his mother. "Liquid," answered Bobby. "Liquid?" she exclaimed in surprise. "Yes, ma'am," answered the son of his father. "Us boys all ran away from the girls and went swimming."—Chicago News.

Evolution of a Name.

CHAPTER I. "What is your name, little boy?" asked the teacher.

"Johnny Lemon," answered the boy. And it was so recorded on the roll.

CHAPTER II. "What is your name?" the schoolmaster inquired.

"John Dennis Lemon," replied the big boy. Which was duly entered.

CHAPTER III. "Your name, sir?" said the college dignitary.

"J. Dennison Lemon," responded the young man who was about to enroll himself as a student. Inscribed in accordance therewith.

CHAPTER IV. "May I ask your name?" queried the society notes contributor to the Daily Bread.

"Jean D'Ennice Le Mon," replied the fashionable personage in the opera box. And it was thus jotted down.

THE END.

Truth Will Out. A young man was taking the civil service examinations and was exasperated at the irrelevance of some of the questions. One question was, "How many British troops were sent to this country during the American Revolution?" The young man nibbled his pen for a moment in annoyance and then wrote the answer, "I don't know, but a darned sight more than went back."—Lippincott's Magazine.

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"BLACK HAND" USES BOMB.

New York, Sept. 29.—A bomb filled with both dynamite and a quantity of inflammable oil was thrown at the rear of a crowded tenement house at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Forty-third street early today. More than a score of persons who were sleeping at the time were hurled from their beds by the explosion, and two of them were carried from the house unconscious. Within a minute after the explosion flames nearly enveloped the rear walls of the tenement house. The police believe that "Black Hand" Italian assassins threw the bomb. The object of the attack was the rear door of an Italian barber shop on the ground floor.

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